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In re Patent Application of:
Kevin D. Beaty et al.

Allowed: June 12, 2006

Application No.: 10/763,445

Confirmation No.: 7427

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Art Unit: 3681

For: HYBRID POWERTRAIN SYSTEM
INCLUDING SMOOTH SHIFTING
AUTOMATED TRANSMISSION

Examiner: R. L. Pang

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR
§1.104(E)**

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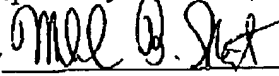
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